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1. EMBASSY DEFERRING DISCUSSION WITH CRUZ AND COMMENT ON PHIL. YFU PROGRAM PENDING RECEIPT OF LETTERS MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. OUR IMPRESSIONS PHIL. PROGRAM ARE BASED ON CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH CRUZ AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HER RELATIONSHIP WITH ANN ARBOR IS ADMITTEDLY ONE-SIDED. SINCE WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN YFU AND CRUZ, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING: A) THE TERMS OF THE PHIL YFU CONTACT AND HOW IT DIFFERS FROM OTHER COUNTRY PROGRAMS; B) FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS IF QUESTION (I.E. HOW DID MRS. CRUZ BACK DOWN FROM AN EARLIER PROMISE AND WHAT ARRANGEMENT HAS YFU SOUGHT?); AND C) THE YFU POSITION TOWARD CRUZ' AFFILIATION WITH UNIVERSITE INTERNATIONAL AND HER ESTABLISHMENT OF PICE.

3. AS WE HAVE NOTED IN EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS, MRS. CRUZ IS A PROMINENT FILIPINO, WELL PLACED FINANCIALLY AND POLITICALLY. SHE IS CLERK OF THE MANILA COURT OF APPEALS, PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST JUDICIARY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION AND VERY ACTIVE IN VARIOUS CIVIC AFFAIRS. HER HUSBAND ANGEL IS A LEADING CORPO-
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RATION LAWYER AND FORMER FULBRIGHT GRANTEE.SNECAUSE

OF HER CONNECTIONS, YFU HAS CONSISTENTLY ATTRACTED A
HIGH PERCENTAGE HI PARTICIPANTS FROM PROMINENT AND
INFLUENTIAL FAMILIES. THE CULTURAL SECTION KNOWS
MRS. CRUZ WELL AND CONSIDERS HER A WARM AND SINCERE
PERSON WHO OPERATES THE PROGRAM BECAUSE SHE ENJOYS
WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND BECAUSE SHE STRONGLY
BELIEVES IN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM.
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